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SUBJECT: NOMINATION FOR MULTI-REGIONAL JOURANLISTS PROJECT
(INDIANA UNIVERSITY)

REF: STATE 145170

1. POST SUBMITS NOMINATION FOR PRINCIPAL AND ALTERNATES FOR THE
ABOVE PROJECT AS FOLLOWS:

PRINCIPAL : MR. MIKE IWENOFU
MANAGING EDITOR
STAR GROUP OF PAPERS
ENUGU

ALTERNATES: (1) MR. ADEBISI ADESOLA
EDITOR (CURRENT AFFAIRS DIVISION)
NTV, IBADAN

(2) MR. FOLA ASHIRU
CHIEF SUB-EDITOR (LAGOS OFFICE)
NEW NIGERIAN
KADUNA

2. PART I INFO ON IWENOFU FOLLOWS:

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FULL NAME : MR. MICHAEL N.C. IWENOFU

PRESENT POSITION : MANAGING EDITOR, STAR GROUP OF PAPERS
ENUGU, ANAMBRA STATE

PAST POSITIONS : MANAGING EDITOR, APRIL 1, 1976:
EXECUTIVE EDITOR, APRIL 1, 1975:
EDITOR, DAILY STAR, JULY 1, 1972

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: DECEMBER 30, 1930, OBOSI, ANAMBRA STATE

PRESENT CITIZENSHIP : NIGERIAN: NONE PREVIOUS

PREVPOUS TRAVEL TO THE US : NONE

PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO OTHER COUNTRIES: GERMAN DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC 1965/66:
BRITAIN 1970: GHANA, 1966, 1971, 1975, 1976:
USSR 1966, 1974:
REPUBLIC OF CHINA 1974: HONG KONG 1974:
ALGERIA 1973: EGYPT 1974

PREVIOUS USG GRANT : NONE

VISA ELIGIBILITY : NAMECHECK SATISFACTORY, VISA ELIGIBLE

REASONS FOR NOMINATION: MIKE IWENOFU IS PRESENTLY MANAGING
EDITOR OF THE STAR GROUP OF PAPERS

(DAILY STAR, WEEKLY STAR (SUNDAY), ACADEMIC STAR, EVENING STAR,
OGENE) - FORMERLY THE RENAISSANCE GROUP - WHOSE MANAGING DIRECTOR
IS THE WELL-KNOWN WRITER CYPRIAN EKWENSI. IWENOFU PREVIOUSLY
SERVED AS EXECUTIVE EDITOR AND AS EDITOR OF THE DAILY STAR
(RENAISSANCE). HE HAS GAINED SUBSTANTIAL RESPONSIBILITIES WITHIN
THE ORGANIZATION AND HOLDS POSITION OF NATIONAL INFLUENCE. HIS
DUTIES INCLUDE INITIATING, PLANNING, AND PRODUCING MATERIALS FOR
GROUP'S PUBLICATIONS: SUPERVISING PERFORMANCE AND PRODUCTIVITY IN
EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT AND STAFF TRAINING.

IWENOFU HAS NEVER TRAVELLED TO U.S. AND WOULD BENEFIT GREATLY
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FROM EXPOSURE TO AMERICAN JOURNALISM TECHNIQUES.

OBJECTIVES OF US VISIT: THE STAR IS THE LEADING PAPER IN
EASTERN REGION OF COUNTRY AND ONE OF
NATIONAL PROMINENCE. THE STAFF OF THE STAR PARTICIPATED FULLY WITH
USIS IN ORGANIZING A SUCCESSFUL JOURNALISM SEMINAR IN ENUGU WITH
PROF. ARPAN IN MAY 1975. IN ADDITION TO BEING EXCELLENT FOLLOWUP
TO ARPAN SEMINAR, INDIANA SEMINAR AND TRAVEL PROGRAM WITH PRACTICAL

WORK ASSIGNMENTS WOULD BE OF GREAT BENEFIT TO THIS EDITOR AND WOULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT MULTIPLIER IMPACT IN HIS ORGANIZATION. PRIMARY OBJECTIVES ARE:

(1) TO OFFER NOMINEE OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE AMERICAN SOCIETY AND CULTURE AND TO BE EXPOSED TO MODERN AMERICAN TECHNIQUES AND PHILOSOPHIES OF JOURNALISM AS WELL AS TO THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; (2) TO DEMONSTRATE THE OPERATIONS OF SMALL TO MEDIUM SIZE AMERICAN PUBLISHING HOUSES, AND TO AFFORD OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET PROFESSIONAL COUNTERPARTS IN THE U.S. IN ADDITION TO GAINING TECHNICAL EXPERTISE IN THE AREAS OF JOURNALISM AND PUBLISHING, NOMINEE SHOULD GAIN UNDERSTANDING OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SYSTEM. GRANT WOULD SUPPORT FY-77 CPP OBJECTIVES I, II, AND III.

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